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Regional Focus

Your Monthly Newsletter from the Houston-Galveston Area Council
June 2024



This June, plan to attend H-GAC's events -- from a disaster debris workshop to "Leading with Purpose," an H-GAC workshop tailored for public servants.

Watch the video below to learn more; then read to the end for some ways to celebrate Father's Day and more throughout the region!



Stay in the Loop!

If you enjoy learning about all the great things happening at H-GAC and throughout our 13-county region, make sure you don't miss an issue!

Sign up to continue receiving the Regional Focus, your monthly newsletter about all things H-GAC!

[Sign Up Now!](#)

H-GAC is Seeking Feedback: TWO days remain to complete the Language Access Plan survey by June 17!

[Click here to submit your survey.](#)

Haga clic aquí para enviar su encuesta.

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Bấm vào đây để gửi khảo sát của bạn.

TAKE OUR SURVEY!



LANGUAGE ACCESS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Submit Your Feedback by
JUNE 17

Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston
Harris Liberty Montgomery Waller

Hurricane Season Runs June 1 - November 30

Hurricane Season is here!
Are you ready?

Find the Hurricane Guide and more resources at:
h-gac.com/HurricanePrep

2024 Hurricane Preparedness Guide
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION

Together
Applied to the Region

h-gac.com/HurricanePrep



New Disaster Debris Resources Now Available:

In response to recent severe weather and the start of hurricane season, the Houston-Galveston Area Council has put together the following resources to help communities and residents throughout the 13-county region be prepared and resilient before, during, and following a disaster.

Disaster Recovery Resources & Funding

h-gac.com/funding

Local, state, and federal resources including:

- Recovery resources for farmers and ranchers
- Disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration
- State of Texas Department of Emergency Management
- Disaster relief housing resources for individuals and families
- FEMA grants and resources

Disaster/Hurricane Season Preparedness

h-gac.com/hurricane-evacuation-planning

In addition to local, state, and federal resources, H-GAC has the following publications and maps available to help guide our communities and residents every step of the way, including:

- The most current Evacuation Zone and Evacuation Route maps available in English and Spanish
- H-GAC's Hurricane Preparedness Guide
- More resources to come, including a tailored Hurricane Preparedness Guide for older adults and special populations

Public Information Templates for Local Governments and Emergency Partners

h-gac.com/solid-waste-management/disaster-debris-cleanup-and-management/resources

In collaboration with TetraTech, H-GAC has developed customizable public information messages and templates for local governments and emergency partners. Resources include:

- Information to communities, residents, and other stakeholders before, during, and after a debris-generating event, such as floods, wildfires, or hurricanes
- Tools include graphics and messages that can be used on social media posts, websites, and flyers; and public information/news release templates
- Tips for setting up a call center
- Available in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese for download



JUNE 11

Disaster Debris Workshop

H-GAC's annual Disaster Debris Workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p. m., Tuesday, June 11. This workshop will be at H-GAC, second floor conference rooms, and on Zoom. **Registration is required to attend online**. **Registration is requested, but not required, to attend in person**. In-person check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

Topics for this event include:

- Waterway debris considerations
- Wildfire debris considerations
- Debris management resources for residents and businesses
- Damage assessment processes and tips
- Preparations for jurisdictions to ease the burden in disaster debris operations

For more information, contact [Erin Livingston](#).

BIG Annual Meeting

Make plans to attend the [Bacteria Implementation Group \(BIG\)](#) Spring meeting from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, at H-GAC, second-floor conference rooms, and on Zoom.

Registration is required to attend online. Registration for the in-person meeting will open soon.

Topics will include the BIG Implementation Plan (I-Plan) revisions and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) updates.

For more information or to submit public comment, contact [Steven Johnston](#).

JUNE 17

Cotton Bayou Public Meeting

H-GAC will host a public meeting to discuss the development of an implementation plan (I-Plan) to address water quality issues in Cotton Bayou. At this meeting, H-GAC will review revisions to the draft I-Plan and share other project updates.

This meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 17, at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library, 1 John Hall Dr., Mont Belvieu, TX 77580. [Registration](#) is requested but not required, to attend.

JUNE 18



The banner for the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 10 A.M. features a photograph of three individuals (two men and one woman) in business attire, with the man on the left raising his hand as if taking an oath. The background includes a blue curtain and a banner with the text 'STATE OF THE'. The banner also includes the following information:

- TUESDAY, JUNE 18 AT 10 A.M.**
- H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- 2nd Floor, 3555 Timmons Ln. Houston, TX 77027
- [H-GAC.COM/LIVE](https://www.h-gac.com/live)
- H-GAC Houston-Galveston Area Council logo

JUNE 20

Livable Centers Roundtable

H-GAC invites you to attend the second event in a three-part 2024 Livable Centers Roundtable and Workshop Series — Exploring Community Conscious Planning Practices.

The next event will be an in-person roundtable from 1 to 2:30 p. m., Thursday, June 20, at H-GAC, second-floor conference rooms.

During a moderated discussion expert panelists will share the principles of human-centered design and its application to transportation infrastructure and services. During a roundtable discussion, participants will share the challenges and opportunities associated with integrating these metrics into their own program, policy, and planning initiatives.

Expert panelists include recent Livable Centers partners/consultants:

- Armandina Chapa, Huitt-Zollars
- Louis Cutia, Half Associates
- Ranjan Roy, Asakura Robinson

The first event was a roundtable on April 18 and the third event will be the Annual Livable Centers Land Use and Transportation Workshop on September 19.



Bringing the Conversation to Harris County Precinct 3!

Thursday, June 20

George Bush Community Center
6827 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, TX 77379

8:30 AM: Registration
9:00 AM: Program

H-GAC is bringing the conversation to Harris County. At this pop-up event, you will have the opportunity to meet with members of our leadership team, learn more about our programs and services, and share with us your community's needs. Let's discuss how we can work together to help Harris County thrive! For questions, contact Laura Parker at Laura.Parker@h-gac.com.

JUNE 25



You're invited to H-GAC's inaugural summit for paratransit and non-emergency medical transportation service providers!

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
June 25, 2024

Houston Galveston Area Council
2nd Floor Conference Rooms ABC
3555 Timmons Ln. | Houston, TX 77027

Register at
bit.ly/TransportationProviderSummitRegistration

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24-hours before a function. The meeting will be conducted in English, and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days before a function. Call Sanford Klanfer, senior transportation planner, at 832-681-2574 for assistance.

JUNE 27

REGISTER NOW!

**LEADING WITH
A PURPOSE:
A COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP
FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS**

This workshop offers public servants a chance to improve their leadership capabilities, make principled choices, and foster positive transformations in their workplaces and the wider community.

8 AM - 4 PM | Thursday, June 27

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons, Houston TX 77027



Register at:
bit.ly/LeadingWithPurposeWorkshop

JUNE 28



JULY 9

Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable

Mark your calendars for the next H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable from 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, at H-GAC, second-floor conference rooms.

Ashley R. Morgan-Olivera, director of Research and Education/Outreach for the Texas Invasive Species Institute at Sam Houston State University, will discuss invasive species in the Houston-Galveston region, their removal, and reporting them on TexasInvasives.org. Attendees will also discuss the upcoming Parks and Natural Areas Awards program; learn about a new online, interactive trail mapping tool; hear from an award-winning park/natural area project; and engage in a roundtable discussion of events and activities in the region.

Registration will open soon.

For more information, contact [Andrea Tantillo](#).

JULY 10

Disaster Debris Webinar

A disaster debris webinar will be from 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, on Zoom. **Registration is required to attend.**

Topics for this event include:

- Debris management challenges caused by staff turnover and tips for overcoming them
- Finding qualified contractors and maintaining good contractor relations
- Social vulnerability and social justice considerations in disaster debris management

operations

- Public information tools to enhance the message

For more information, contact [Erin Livingston](#).

JULY 23

Bringing Back Main Street Roundtable

Save the date for the next **Bringing Back Main Street Roundtable** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, July 23, at the West Columbia Civic Center, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia. Networking and check in begin at 9 a.m. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration is requested, but not required to attend.

Presenters include representatives from the city of West Columbia, Houston-Galveston Local Development Corporation, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas Department of Transportation.

The Bringing Back Main Street initiative offers local communities a place to share best practices and engage in a regional dialogue about, revitalizing and supporting vibrant downtown spaces. Each quarter, community, leaders gather for a roundtable on topics ranging from small business support to sidewalk infrastructure.

For more information, contact [Andrea Tantillo](#).

JULY 26



SAVE THE DATE



SUMMER MEETING

7•26/27

Hyatt Regency | Baytown, TX

REGIONAL ROUNDUP



EVENTS FROM THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITIES!



AUSTIN COUNTY

BRAZORIA COUNTY



FREE ADMISSION FOR DADS

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, June 16

San Felipe de Austin Historic Site
220 2nd St. | San Felipe, TX 77473

[Learn more!](#)

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK:
SUPER MARIO BROTHERS
MOVIE

8 p.m., Friday, June 14

MacLean Park: Large Pavilion
93 Lake Rd. | Lake Jackson, TX 77566

[Learn more and view the FB event listing.](#)

FORT BEND COUNTY

HARRIS COUNTY



MOVIES UNDER THE MOON - WONKA

7 p.m., Saturday, June 15

Sugar Land Town Square
15958 City Walk | Sugar Land, TX 77579

[Learn more!](#)



COFFEE, CARS & CIGARS

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday, June 16

Riverside Houston
65 Hirsch Rd. Ste. 100 | Houston, TX 77020

[Learn more!](#)

LIBERTY COUNTY



KICK-OFF EVENT LIBERTY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Featuring: Orbit from the Houston Astros

2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13

Liberty Center
1829 Sam Houston | Liberty, TX 77575

[Learn more!](#)

WHARTON COUNTY



THE LITEFOOTERS SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOP AND PRODUCTION Seussical Jr.

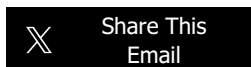
Performances June 20 - 30

Plaza Theater
120 South Houston St. | Wharton, TX 77488

[Learn more!](#)

Let's get social!

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